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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2000, kindly enter the follow amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

5. (Amended) A composite material, comprising a supporting material in the form of sheet or roll constituted by [one of the following materials:

cellulosic material;

or] a mixture of a regenerated leather [regenerated] material [or a derivative thereof];

or natural leather;

[or cork;